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TEN CENTS A WEEK

JAPANESE CAPTURED 25,000 PRISONERS

Twenty Thousand Sick People
At Port Arthur.

RUSSIA CAN'T AFFORD TO QUIT
So Declares the Newspapers of the
Czar's Empire—How the News of
the Surrender Was Received in Rus-
sia—Other Eastern News.

Headquarters of the Japanese Third
Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 5, via Che-
foo, Jan. 4, 8 p. m.—(Censored)—The
flag of the Rising Sun floats tonight
over the captured citadel of Port Ar-
thur.

When the news of the surrender of
the fortress reached the soldiers yes-
terday, leaping from mouth to mouth,
the Japanese drew close to their late
enemies and fraternized freely with
them.

When nightfall came great bonfires
arose in the Japanese camp like a
blazing halo, while great choruses of
"Banzai!" echoed through the hills.

The entire garrison and all the non-
combatants will march out of the city
tomorrow to the village of Yahutwei,
near the shores of Pigeon Bay, where
the Russian officers will be transport-
ed to Dalny, and thence wherever they
may desire.

The prisoners of war will be de-
tained at the Russian barracks in the
village until they can be transferred
to Dalny.

London, Jan. 4.—The Japanese cap-
tured 25,000 prisoners at Port Arthur.
The total number of inhabitants is
25,000, of which 20,000 are sick.

News From Japan's Capital.

Tokio, Jan. 4.—Noon.—General Nog-
i reports to the army department that on
Jan. 3, the commissioners of both the
Japanese and Russian armies conclu-
ed their conference and that from the
morning of Jan. 4, the actual transfer
of war materials at Port Arthur as
property of the Japanese government
commenced.

The Jiji discussing the nature of
Port Arthur reviews the price paid in
lives, and says:

"We ought to keep Port Arthur in
hands so long as our empire exists.
Port Arthur is the key to peace in the
Far East, and it is our duty to keep the
key in our hands."

Commander Pelem and a lieutenant
of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer
Rastoropy, who was captured on
board the British steamer Nigretia,
and taken on board of her to Sasebo,
have confessed their identity before
the naval court there. Before they
posed as German supercargos but when
confronted with the result of the Jap-
anese investigations at Shanghai, con-
cealment was impossible. They have
been declared prisoners of war.

No contraband has yet been dis-
covered on board of the Nigretia. Her
cargo consists of kerosene, and the
prize court is still undecided upon
what action to take in her case. It
is probable if the ship is condemned,
it will be solely owing to connivance in
the escape of the Russian officers.

Situation at Russian Capital.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The press
here contains absolutely no additional
news of the war, but the papers, with
one exception, have word of the Port
Arthur garrison and record furnishes
an object lesson to both Russia and
Japan.

After bestowing a tribute on the
defenders, the Novoe Vremya says:

The unpreparedness of the fortress,
which now stands confessedly before
the world, reads as a lesson on what
Russia must do and how she must
change her methods to achieve victory.
It also shows Japan what she has
undertaken, when such enormous losses
are entailed in capturing even a
small, empty-handed garrison driven to
the last ditch. Russia has had eleven
months of hard but valuable experi-
ence in the art of war under the new
conditions imposed by modern tech-
nical requirements. It has been costly
training, but it will be valuable. In
an even more strongly worded article,
the Russ says:

"Had the Japanese been able to cut

off the last train which reached Port
Arthur, the blockade would have found
the fortress even worse prepared. Well
may those few remaining heroes say:
"We have done our duty, but you,
O people of St. Petersburg and of Rus-
sia, have you done all you could and
should have done?"

The Russ concludes:
"Russia can ill-afford to quit during
a losing fight. The time has now
come for every one to put a shoulder
to the wheel and redeem our prestige
in the Far East."

The paper bluntly attributes to the
effect of muzzling the regime under
the late minister of the interior, Van
Plehev, the fact that the nation was
not fully warned before hand of the
real conditions to be faced at the open-
ing of the war and says the press is
now more fully able to point out the
needs and urge the nation to activity.
One of the most serious features of
the Port Arthur fall, according to the
Novosti is the effect on the already
questionable neutrality of the Chinese.
Loss of prestige in the eyes of the
Orientals, says the paper, is much
more serious than the strategical value
of the fortress.

CONGRESS IN SESSION AGAIN.

**House and Senate Reconvene After
Holiday Recess.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—When the
house reconvened today after the hol-
iday recess, Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) sub-
mitted the report of the merchant ma-
rine committee, the minority being
given until Friday to submit their
views.

Mr. Mann (Ill.) announced the death
of his late colleague, William F. Ma-
honey, of Illinois, and offered the cus-
tomary resolutions and as a further
mark of respect to his memory the
house at 12:10 o'clock adjourned until
noon tomorrow.

In the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 5.—There was an
exceptionally large attendance of sen-
ators when the senate was called to
order today for the resumption of
business after the Christmas holidays.
President Pro Tem. Frye being still
absent, Senator Perkins presided.

In his opening prayer Dr. Hale ad-
dressed the senators as "Fellow work-
ers, together with God," and asked
them to pray with him.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, today
introduced a resolution rectifying some
of the assertions of Thomas W. Law-
son and Judge Alton B. Parker, con-
cerning campaign contributions and
asking the judiciary committee to in-
quire into the allegations.

MAY CUT CANAL COMMISSION.

**Believed that the Board Has Too Many
Members To Be Useful.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—Reduction of
the personnel of the Isthmian canal
commission, rather than complete abol-
ishment of the commission is the plan
which probably will be adopted if the
ideas of high officials of the adminis-
tration including influential members
of the senate and house are followed.
That the present commission is ham-
pered by numbers is generally admit-
ted. It is declared that the machin-
ery would move more speedily and
with far less friction if the commission
consisted of five members instead of
seven, and some go so far as to favor
a commission of only three men. Re-
garding the authority to be vested in
the engineers of the canal it is the
opinion of officials high in authority
that when the engineers should be giv-
ing great latitude and much should be
left to their discretion they should, in
the main, be a consulting and advisory
body and that the commission should
reserve to itself executive powers.
How these ideas shall take effect or
how radically they may be amended
before they are adopted is entirely
problematical.

To Advance Wages of Miners.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 5.—The lead-
ing iron producers, who are also the
largest coal operators, have issued cir-
culars declaring that effective Jan. 1
wages of miners will be advanced from
55 to 57½ cents per ton, the maximum.
The advance is owing to the increase
in the price of pig iron, which the
sales books of the companies show to
have been on the average above \$15
per ton during December. Commercial
operators, who employ native min-
ers, will probably give the same ad-
vance.

EIGHT LIVES LOST BY TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

Boiler of Tow Boat Bursts With
Disastrous Results.

LURID GLARE LIGHTED UP SKIES

No Information Regarding the Cata-
strophe Is Obtainable From Those
Who Were Rescued—Unknown Wo-
man Among the Injured.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 5.—At 11
o'clock last night the people of this
city were startled by a terrible explo-
sion, followed almost immediately by
a lurid glare which lighted up the
heavens for miles around. Investiga-
tion showed that the boiler of the tow
boat Defender exploded just opposite
this city and the boat and a number of
the barges in tow were in flames.

The work of rescuing the dead and
injured was soon begun and it was
soon found that the loss of life had
been great. Of the thirty-eight men
on the boat only nine escaped serious
injury.

Several dead bodies have been recov-
ered.
Five others are so badly burned and
scalded that their lives cannot be saved.
Six more of the crew cannot be ac-
counted for and it is believed that their
lifeless bodies now lie at the bottom
of the Ohio.

A partial list of the dead and miss-
ing follows:
Percy Spencer, mate, Point Pleas-
ant, W. Va.

Horace Wetzel, fireman, Pittsburg.
James Case, lamp trimmer, Pitts-
burg.

Thomas Dillity, Scot Hampton, Jan.
D. —, fireman, Pittman, Pittsburg,
supposed to have burned to death.

William Wetzel, George Kidd, David
Adkins, deck hands, Pittsburg.

The injured:
John Wilson, cook, of Middletown, O.
Theodore Hand, Roustabout, Pitts-
burg.

Ira Ellis, second engineer, Pittsburg;
John Francis, Pittsburg.

Pat Conley, second cook, Pittsburg.
Richard Conley, Pittsburg.

The Defender was owned by a Pitts-
burg Towboat company and was one
of the biggest towboats on the river.
She had been one of the first boats
out of Pittsburg on the recent rise,
and towed a heavy line of coal barges
to the Cincinnati market. She was
returning to Pittsburg in company with
the towboat Victor, of the same com-
pany, and the statement is made that
these two big steamers were racing
at the time the explosion occurred. The
Victor was about a mile ahead of the
Defender at the time and her crew
knew nothing of the awful disaster
that had befallen her.

The burning of the Defender was
witnessed by thousands of people,
many of whom were crowned in night
robes. The work of rescue of the
victims was difficult owing to the dark-
ness and it seemed that only a few
yaws could be secured to go to the
scene. Captain Woodruff of the De-
fender was picked up 50 yards from
the steamer by some small boys who
rowed in a yawl from the Ohio shore,
and he was taken to that side of the
river. He is not seriously injured.

One victim was found half a mile
below the scene clenching a portion
of the wreckage, being so chilled that
he could not speak.

The boat almost immediately after
the explosion sank to the bottom, not
more than 60 yards from the West
Virginia shore. The barges in tow
were soon all afloat, but they were
cut aloof and they floated down the
stream afloat. They were finally
landed and the flames extinguished by
the fire department.

The dead body of Thomas Dillity, of
Pittsburg, fireman on the steamer, was
one of the first taken from the wreck.

The body of a fireman known as
"James" was the next recovered. He
lives at Corryopolis, Pa.

Those rescued from the steamer are
so seriously injured that they can give
no names or information regarding
the catastrophe. It is believed that
many bodies have been blown into the
river and may never be recovered.

Among those injured was a woman
not known.

FOUR MEET DEATH IN BIG STORM

New York and Surrounding Country
In Grasp of Severe Winter.

New York, Jan. 5.—New York city
and all the surrounding country today
was in the grasp of the most severe
storm of the winter.

Traffic of all kinds was hampered,
trolley lines were tied up and the
street swept by a gale driving before
it fine snow that cut like sand and
piled in great drifts, were practically
impassable.

Railroad trains from all points were
delayed from a few minutes to three
hours and the elevated lines were op-
erated with the greatest difficulty with-
out regard to schedule.

There were four serious fires during
the night. In one case, just before
dawn, and when the storm was at its
height the occupants of several ten-
ement houses in the upper East Side
were routed from their beds and forced
to flee half clothed to the streets.

The bodies of four victims of ex-
posure in last night's storm were found
today at various places in the streets.
A guard of the Brooklyn Elevated
railroad died at a station platform
while on duty all night.

Six big ocean steamers were due to
reach this port today, but it was be-
lieved their arrival would be delayed
by the storm.

ACTRESS CAN GIVE BOND.

**Nan Patterson's Attorneys Endeavor
ing to Get Her Release.**

New York, Jan. 5.—After a confer-
ence with District Attorney Jerome,
Attorney Levy, of the counsel for Nan
Patterson, announced that he would at-
tempt to have the former chorus girl
released on bail, and that he would go
into the supreme court with an appli-
cation for a writ compelling the ap-
pearance of Miss Patterson in court
on an application for bail.

Mr. Levy said the district attorney
has positively decided to re-try Miss
Patterson and will oppose her release
on bail. Mr. Levy quoted Mr. Jerome
as saying that he deemed it his official
duty to try Miss Patterson again, as
the jury was evenly divided on the
question of her guilt or innocence. The
district attorney would not say how
soon he would be ready to proceed
with the trial it might be months. Mr.
Levy said the defense was ready with
bondsmen.

CHEMICAL FORCES PRODUCE LIFE

**So Declares Professor Matthews of
the Chicago University.**

Chicago, Jan. 5.—That life is the re-
sult of purely physical and chemical
forces, irrespective of any Divine or
vital force, has been declared by Pro-
fessor Albert P. Matthews, of the Uni-
versity of Chicago, to his class in
physiological chemistry. While refus-
ing to dispute the theory of the divine
origin of life, Professor Matthews took
the stand that the present creation of
life has been proved the result of pure-
ly physical-chemical actions.

"Certain chemical substances," he
said, "coming together under certain
conditions do and are bound to pro-
duce life. There is no getting away
from facts, and the results of labor at
ordinary experiments in regard to the
production of certain phenomena of
life are convincing."

Professor Matthews predicted it is
only a matter of time before life itself
will be produced in the laboratory.

FINED FOR DESTROYING CROPS.

**Farmer is Punished by Court for Vis-
iting State Law.**

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 5.—It has been
held by the courts that a free citizen
of Texas has no right to burn or
otherwise destroy his own farm pro-
ducts. Some years ago a farmer
hailed into a Texas town a load of
corn, which he offered for sale. He
was tendered so low a price for the
grain that he deliberately emptied the
whole load into the river. He was
convicted and fined for destroying a
valuable product of the farm.

The law reads, in effect:
"If any person shall willfully and
mischievously injure or destroy any
growing fruit, corn, grain, or other
like agricultural products, he shall be
punished by a fine not exceeding
\$1,000."

This, read in connection with amend-
ments and other laws on the subject,
takes away a Texas's right to burn his
own cotton.

COLORADO TO HAVE DUAL GOVERNMENT

Democrats Will Swear In Alva
Adams As Governor.

INAUGURAL DAY ON JANUARY 10

Oath of Office Will Be Administered by
Justice Steele, of Supreme Court—
Unseat Democrats Program of the
Republicans.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—The Demo-
crats have decided on Jan. 10, the date
prescribed by the statutes, they will
have Alva Adams sworn in as gover-
nor of the state. The oath will be ad-
ministered by Justice Steele, of the
supreme court. The hour and place
of the ceremonies have not been defi-
nitely settled. The fifteenth general
assembly will be called together today
and organization commenced at once.

Lieutenant Governor Haggott pread-
ed over the senate and the permanent
organization of the house was effected
by the choice of William P. Dickson
as chairman. It was somewhat doubt-
ful if the legislature would be able
to do more than permanently organize
today, but it is on the program to un-
seat six Democratic senators as soon
as the senate is in working order.

This, when done, will make the sen-
ate 25 Republicans and nine Demo-
crats. There are four contests in the
house in every one of which the Re-
publicans are contestants. If these
are decided in favor of the Republi-
cans the make of the house will be 51
Republicans and 14 Democrats. The
present strength on joint ballot is:
Democrats, 33; Republicans, 40.

If all contests are decided favorably
to the Republicans, it will be: Dem-
ocrats, 23; Republicans, 76.

There is one vacancy in the senate.

FORTUNE IN MISER'S HOME.

**Man Had Lived as a Recluse and Hard-
ly Had Enough to Eat.**

New York, Jan. 5.—Gold, silver and
bills amounting to more than \$10,000
has been found secreted about the
house of the Firman Dubel, who died
recently at Burlington, N. J. In for-
mer years Dubel had lived as a re-
cluse, denying that he had any wealth
other than his home and the spacious
grounds that surrounded it. In a
poorly furnished room \$1,700 and a cig-
ar box holding \$2,500 in gold was
found. In another place \$2,800 in
bills were found.

For years Dubel had lived on fare
that caused his neighbors to wonder
how he kept body and soul together.
He had no faith in banks and invested
his income as rapidly as it accumu-
lated. His estate is large.

Shipwrecked Crew Rescued.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—The American
steamship San Juan, of Porto Rico,
reports: "December 30, 25 sailors
from Elbow Cay, picked up two boats
containing captain and crew (23 men)
of Dutch steamship Andania, Captain
Von Derem, which was wrecked on
Elbow Cay at 6 a. m., Dec. 29, and
abandoned on Dec. 30. The Andania
sailed from Galveston for Hamburg
Dec. 24, and had a general cargo.
The rescued crew were off loaded at
Matanzas."

Swayne Inquiry Next Week.

Washington, Jan. 5.—It is possible
the Swayne case may be brought up
in the house next week and an extend-
ed discussion is expected. The seven
members appointed by the senate to
decide on the number or form of ar-
ticles of impeachment have disagreed
and there no doubt will be a majority
and minority report. The house prob-
ably will hold only a brief session, ad-
journing as a mark of respect to the
late representative Mahoney, of Illi-
nois.

Flywheel Breaks and Kills Man.

Pittsburg, Jan. 5.—A 50-ton flywheel
in the National Tube Works compa-
ny's plant at Millport, burst today and
completely wrecked the continuous
mill. One man was killed outright
and four seriously injured. The loss
to the plant will reach \$100,000. The
mill cannot be repaired inside of a
month and eight hundred men will be
thrown out of employment.